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SUBJECT: APL INTEREST IN EXTENDING CONTAINER SERVICE
TO IRAN

REF: A) STATE 54450 (NOTAL)

B) TEHRAN 2371 (NOTAL)

1. HENRY KOZLOWSKI, VP FOR PLANNING, AMERICAN PRESIDENT
LINES, SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, NOW PLANNING VISIT TO TEHRAN
AND KHORRAMSHAHR WEEK OF MAY 18 TO EXPLORE FEASIBILITY OF
ESTABLISHING CONTAINER SERVICE TO IRAN. AS ENVISAGED,
SERVICE WOULD BE EXTENTION OF U.S. PACIFIC COAST-FAR EAST-
SUBCONTINENT OPERATIONS. VESSELS PROJECTED FOR SERVICE
WOULD HAVE SHIP-BORNE CONTAINER CRANES. MOREOVER, LINE
WOULD PRESUMABLY PROVIDE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT FOR INLAND

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MOVEMENT OF CONTAINERS. THOUGHT IS ALSO BEING GIVEN TO
CONTINUING WESTWARD, EITHER TRANSITTING SOON-TO-BE-OPENED

SUEZ CANAL WITH CALLS AT ISRAELI PORTS(SITUATION PERMITTING) OR POSSIBLY ISRAELI LANDBRIDGE OPERATION, TO ESTABLISH ROUND-THE-WORLD SERVICE.

2. APL HAS SENT AGENT TO TEHRAN TO LAY GROUNDWORK IN ADVANCE OF KOZLOWSKI VISIT. NEVERTHELESS, APL HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN FROM EMBASSY LIST OF KEY

IRANIAN MARITIME AND PORT OFFICIALS WHO SHOULD BE CONTACTED TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SERVICE. NO REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS IS MADE AT THIS TIME, AND FURTHER ASSISTANCE MAY NOT BE SOUGHT BY THE LINE. DEPARTMENT HAS, HOWEVER, SUGGESTED THAT KOZLOWSKI MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO TOUCH BASE WITH BOTH EMBASSY AND CONSULATE DURING VISIT. KISSINGER

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